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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nobuhiko ISSHIKI et al. Confirmation No: 8656  
Appl. No. : 10/620,335  
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Title : DEVICE FOR TREATING DYSPHONIA AND METHOD  
OF TREATING WITH USE OF THE SAME

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Examiner : C. D. Prone

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### RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of March 3, 2005, in connection with the above identified application.

The Official Action is an Election/Restriction Requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention which includes claims 1-11, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention at a later time.

In addition, Applicants are further required to elect a single disclosed species in which Applicants elect Species I shown in Figure 1.

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Amendment dated: March 30, 2005  
Reply to OA of: March 3, 2005

In view of the election of the Group I invention and the single disclosed species, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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